

## **Violet Township Board of Trustees**

June 14, 2016

Special Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dunlap called the Special Meeting of the Violet Township Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Pickerington High School North Auditorium, 7800 Refugee Rd, Pickerington, OH.

Mr. Sauer called the roll: Mr. Terry Dunlap, Mr. Harry Myers, and Mr. Darrin Monhollen were present. Also present were: Fiscal Officer, Brian Sauer; Director of Operations, John Eisel; Township Engineer, Greg Butcher; Joshua Horacek and Jason Dolin from the Prosecutor's office; and Tim Giardina and Mike Long, consultants.

Mr. Dunlap asked everyone in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Dunlap turned the meeting over to John Eisel, Director of Operations who introduced everyone to the audience. Mr. Eisel explained the goal of implementing the single - hauler trash concept was to reduce the number of haulers on township roadways to one contracted hauler, save residents money and improve their services.

Mr. Eisel gave a presentation and explained the Ohio Revised Code allows the township to pursue the competitive sealed bid process without having to form a trash district. He said we were not forming a trash district. The intent is to finalize the bids documents and competitively bid for trash services.

Mr. Eisel went on to say that having only one contracted hauler for the 6,500 customers in the unincorporated areas of Violet Township instead of multiple operators would reduce the wear and tear on township roads, create safer and cleaner neighborhoods as well as collectively save township residents money.

Mr. Eisel told the audience we can become advocates for the consumers in this process.

Mr. Eisel explained there are at least five to six refuse-hauling companies operating in the Township on different days; a practice the township official's claim is untenable.

Mr. Eisel said it is safer to have one large truck on a residential street than two to six each day of the week.

Mr. Eisel said the bid documents will allow for optional township wide curbside recycling, yard waste and bulk pick-up including appliance collection. The term of the proposed contract is three-years with a renewal option of one to three years.

There is also an opt-out provision for "residents who have other means to legally dispose of their trash."

The residents were given a chance to speak. There were opponents of the plan as well as many supporters of the plan.

The opponents of the plan said they believe the contract will take away their freedom of choice.

Those in support of the plan felt this was the right time to implement this.

James R. Blair of 9368 Circle Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in support of the plan.

James Atfeld of 805 Ivory Gulf Circle, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He lives in a condominium unit and wanted to know if it would be included in the contract. Mr. Eisel spoke about the 'opt out provision.'

Anita Swan of 13339 Calhoun Ct., Pickerington, Ohio was present. Ms. Swain said it would drive out competitors and prices would go up, with service going down. She was in opposition. Ms. Swain asked why the residents could not vote on this. The audience did not understand the prosecutors answer to this question.

Mr. Dunlap explained there were only two ways for them to be able to vote on the matter:

- 1) We would have to form a trash district (which we are not doing) and impose a property tax on all property owners to pay for the service along with additional administrative, operational, and collection fees; and
- 2) We would do what we are currently contemplating and then when we vote to go ahead the residents could pass a referendum petition to put on the ballot for residents to decide to either support the Trustees and go ahead or to stop our process.

Either way the residents would still not get to pick their trash hauler due to if either passed then the Trustees would still pick the lowest and best bid.

Dan Collins of 12826 Coventry Ave., Pickerington, Ohio was present. He supported the plan.

Dick Watson of Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Watson was in opposition of the plan.

Linda Hoffman of 10122 Wellington, Pickerington, Ohio was present and was in opposition of the plan.

George Coler (address incomplete) was present and was in opposition of the plan.

A resident who resides at 8050 Garden Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present and he thanked the board for supporting this. He supported the plan.

Joann Mittlestead of Stonecreek Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was in opposition of the plan.

A resident at (address incomplete) 125 Summerfield Way, Pickerington, Ohio was in opposition of the plan.

Jack Cole of (address incomplete) 1634 Toll Gate Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. Mr. Cole was neutral.

A resident residing at 1128 Violet Circle, Pickerington, Ohio was present. She was a supporter of the plan.

Joe Zalinsky of 9613 Woodsfield Circle, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in opposition of the plan.

Christine Peragano of Ellington Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present.

Julian Ewing was opposed of the plan.

Brett Miller of Violet Township was present and was in support of the plan.

A resident on 1020 Norcross Way, Pickerington, Ohio was present and was opposed of the plan.

A resident living at 8662 Ashford Lane, Pickerington, Ohio was present and asked about senior discount. Mr. Eisel said it was 10%.

John Hargrove of 1311 Summerfield Way, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in support of the plan.

Judy White of Pickerington, Ohio was present and supported the plan.

Greg Chamblin of 13122 Rustic Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present and was opposed of the plan.

Rosemary Schneider of 8733 Rambling Ave., Pickerington, Ohio was present. She was opposition of the plan.

Michelle Pomicco of 10120 Winding Way in Pickerington, Ohio was present. She was in opposition of the plan.

A representative from Alpha Waste was present and spoke against the program.

Jane Snides of 9594 Northchester Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present.

Cheryl Ricketts of 8850 Chateau Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. She was in support of the plan.

A resident of 11550 Forest Lane, Pickerington, Ohio was present. She was in opposition of the plan.

Jay Rice of 9594 Northchester Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in support of the plan.

Curt Clug of 7250 Hubbardten Place, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in support of the plan.

William Yapple of 689 Diley Road, Canal Winchester, Ohio was present. He was in support of the plan.

Don Reed of 1153 Millerboro Road, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in opposition of the plan.

Dan Murphy of 13620 Gate Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present.

Ron Bremer of 13104 Summerfield Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present. He was in support of the plan.

A resident on 12135 Creekside Drive, Pickerington, Ohio was present.

Mr. John Carlisle, an Etna Township Trustees was present and spoke about Etna Townships positive single trash hauler experience

A resident on Canterbury Ave., Pickerington, Ohio was present.

Mr. Eisel said once the bid documents are approved, Violet Township will post them online the first or second week of July at [www.violet.oh.us](http://www.violet.oh.us).

The bids will be due September 12 at 11 a.m. and the bids will be ranked by a review committee comprised of two township residents and technical consultants. Mr. Eisel also said the projected date of implementation for this plan is April 1, 2017.

**Mr. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Monhollen. Roll call vote: Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Monhollen, yes; Mr. Dunlap, yes. Motion carries 3-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joniann Goldberg, Admin. Assist.

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Brian C. Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Approved By:

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Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

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Darrin, Monhollen, Trustee

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Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee